

**House Resolution**

**No. 79**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Nunez**

August 12, 2004

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House Resolution No. 79—Relative to commending the Honorable S. Joseph Simitian.

1 WHEREAS, The tenure of the Honorable S. Joseph Simitian  
2 with the California State Assembly is drawing to a close following  
3 four years of exemplary service, and it is appropriate at this time  
4 to highlight the many achievements of his illustrious tenure and to  
5 extend to him the highest commendations of the people of the  
6 state; and

7 WHEREAS, Assembly Member S. Joseph Simitian was elected  
8 to the California State Assembly in November 2000, and reelected  
9 in November 2002, to represent the 21st District, which includes  
10 all or part of 13 cities in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties; and

11 WHEREAS, His public service over the years also includes:  
12 County Supervisor, Santa Clara County; Mayor, City of Palo Alto;  
13 President, Palo Alto School Board; and his regional leadership as  
14 President of the Santa Clara County School Boards' Association,  
15 President of the League of California Cities Peninsula Division,  
16 and Chairperson of the Santa Clara County Intergovernmental  
17 Council (IGC); and

18 WHEREAS, He distinguished himself as a Representative of  
19 the President of the United States, 1994 U.S. Delegation to  
20 Observe Elections in El Salvador; Elections Supervisor, 1997 and  
21 1998 Bosnian Elections, seconded by the United States  
22 Department of State, serving with the Organization for Security

1 and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE); and volunteer, International  
2 Rescue Committee (IRC), 1999 refugee relief and resettlement  
3 efforts in Albania and Kosovo; and

4 WHEREAS, Joe Simitian, a graduate of Palo Alto High School,  
5 received his Juris Doctor degree from Boalt Hall, his Master of  
6 City Planning degree from the University of California, Berkeley,  
7 his Master of Arts degree in International Policy Studies from  
8 Stanford University, and his Bachelor of Arts cum laude from The  
9 Colorado College; and

10 WHEREAS, Joe Simitian is an attorney, businessman, and city  
11 planner, and he is a member of the California State Bar and the  
12 American Planning Association, and holds an AICP certification  
13 from the American Institute of Certified Planners; and

14 WHEREAS, He currently serves as Chair of the Budget  
15 Subcommittee on Education Finance and the Select Committees  
16 on Elder Abuse and Privacy, he is also a Member of the  
17 Committees on Budget and Transportation and the Select  
18 Committee on Air and Water Quality; and

19 WHEREAS, He currently serves as Co-Chair, Housing  
20 Leadership Council, Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group; Board  
21 of Directors, American Leadership Forum—Silicon Valley; Board  
22 of Advisors, Adolescent Counseling Services; Board of Advisors,  
23 Clara-Mateo Alliance, Inc.; Board of Advisors, O'Neill Sea  
24 Odyssey; Honorary Council Member, Leadership Mountain View  
25 Advisory Team; San Mateo County Service Learning Project; and  
26 Trustee Emeritus, Junior Statesmen Foundation; and

27 WHEREAS, Through his public service activities, Assembly  
28 Member Joe Simitian has made a significant impact on the people  
29 of the 21st Assembly District and throughout the state, and he will  
30 be greatly missed by those individuals with whom he has been  
31 associated; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
33 Members express their commendations and appreciation to their  
34 colleague, the Honorable S. Joseph Simitian, for his outstanding  
35 record of dedicated service to his constituents and to all of the  
36 people of California, and convey to him best wishes for every  
37 success in his future endeavors.

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